

April 17, 2000

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

**H.B. NO. 48:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 69-21-119, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE LICENSE FEES FOR AIRCRAFT AND PILOTS ENGAGED IN AGRICULTURAL AVIATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 16, 2000; 8:30 PM)

**H.B. NO. 106:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-21-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ALLOW PERSONS POSSESSING A GED EQUIVALENT TO QUALIFY AS ASSISTANT TEACHERS AND TO AUTHORIZE ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT, REGARDLESS OF ACCREDITATION LEVEL, TO USE MINIMUM PROGRAM ASSISTANT TEACHER FUNDS FOR EMPLOYING ADDITIONAL LICENSED TEACHERS IN KINDERGARTEN AND GRADES 1-3; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 16, 2000; 8:31 PM)

**H.B. NO. 244:** AN ACT TO REENACT SECTIONS 69-43-1 THROUGH 69-43-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATE THE RATITE COUNCIL AND PROMOTION BOARD AND PRESCRIBE ITS DUTIES AND POWERS; TO AMEND SECTION 69-43-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE DATE OF REPEAL ON THE RATITE COUNCIL AND PROMOTION BOARD; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 16, 2000; 8:32 PM)

**H.B. NO. 254:** AN ACT TO REENACT SECTION 99-15-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL FOR INDIGENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 20, CHAPTER 575, LAWS OF 1998, AS AMENDED BY SECTION 2, CHAPTER 375, LAWS OF 1999, TO EXTEND THE REPEALER ON THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL FOR INDIGENTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 16, 2000; 8:33 PM)

**H.B. NO. 291:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 41-58-1 THROUGH 41-58-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY AND ESTABLISH THE MEDICAL RADIATION ADVISORY COUNCIL, REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGISTS, AND REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION, TO EXTEND THE REPEALER ON THESE SECTIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 16, 2000; 8:37 PM)

**H.B. NO. 294:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-159-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY THAT LICENSED TEACHERS ALREADY SERVING IN GEOGRAPHICAL CRITICAL TEACHER SHORTAGE AREAS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS TOWARD MASTERS OR SPECIALIST DEGREES UNDER THE UNIVERSITY ASSISTED TEACHER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION GRANT PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 16, 2000; 8:40 PM)

**H.B. NO. 295:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-9-251, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS PARTICIPATING OR DESIRING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BEGINNING PRINCIPAL SUPPORT PILOT PROGRAM APPLY ANNUALLY FOR SELECTION TO THE PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 16, 2000; 8:41 PM)

**H.B. NO. 311:** AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT NO PERSON SHALL PERFORM BODY PIERCING UPON ANY PERSON FOR COMPENSATION WITHOUT FIRST REGISTERING WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; TO DEFINE "BODY PIERCING"; TO PROVIDE FOR AN ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING THE SANITATION OF BODY PIERCING FACILITIES, STERILIZATION OF BODY PIERCING APPARATUS AND PROCEDURES TO PREVENT THE TRANSMISSION OF DISEASE DURING BODY PIERCING PROCEDURES; TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO VISIT ANY BODY PIERCING FACILITY DURING BUSINESS HOURS TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO INSPECT EACH SUCH FACILITY AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR; TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO SUSPEND OR REVOKE THE REGISTRATION OF ANY PERSON VIOLATING THE RULES OR REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD; TO PROHIBIT BODY PIERCING UPON ANY PERSON UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE; TO PROVIDE FOR A CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS; TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO BRING AN INJUNCTIVE ACTION TO PROHIBIT PERSONS FROM VIOLATING THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 16, 2000; 8:42 PM)

**H.B. NO. 336:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 79-22-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE REPEALER DATE ON THE PROVISION OF LAW THAT AUTHORIZES THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE TO ISSUE PERMITS FOR A GAME FISH PILOT PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 16, 2000; 8:44 PM)

**H.B. NO. 339:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-35-504, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE DATE OF THE REPEALER ON THE PROHIBITION AGAINST THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MAKING A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT TO A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO AN EXISTING PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM UNLESS THE SYSTEM IS VIABLE OR MAY BECOME VIABLE AS A RESULT OF THE GRANT OR AN EXTREME EMERGENCY EXISTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 16, 2000; 8:45 PM)

**H.B. NO. 343:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 57-61-32, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDES FUNDS TO DEFRAY COSTS OF THE STATE'S SHARE IN NORTH MISSISSIPPI FISH HATCHERY AND LOWER EAST PEARL RIVER WATER DIVERSION PROJECT; TO EXTEND THE REPEALER FROM DECEMBER 31, 2000, TO DECEMBER 31, 2001; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 16, 2000; 8:46 PM)

**H.B. NO. 345:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-27-20, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATES THE DIVISION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES AND ITS DIRECTOR AND PRESCRIBES THEIR POWERS AND DUTIES, TO PROVIDE THAT SECTION 43-27-20, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, SHALL STAND REPEALED ON JULY 1, 2003; TO AMEND SECTION 2, CHAPTER 552, LAWS OF 1998, TO DELETE THE CURRENT REPEALER ON SECTION 43-27-20, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 16, 2000; 8:48 PM)

**H.B. NO. 346:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 39-5-71, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCLUDE THE NAMES OF CERTAIN FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ON THE LAW ENFORCEMENT MONUMENT AND TO ALLOW THE MONIES PLACED IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MONUMENT FUND TO BE USED FOR CERTAIN FUND-RAISING PURPOSES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 16, 2000; 8:49 PM)

Respectfully submitted,

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